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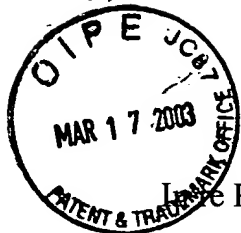
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For: MEDIATION OF A CONTROL SIGNALING METHOD IN A

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 2, 8, 13, 14, 15, 21 and 23 as shown below. A marked-up version of the claims showing the revisions made thereto is attached.

1. (*Twice Amended*) A method of operating a node in a communications network, which node is in use connected to signal sources external to the communications network via respectively corresponding links, the method comprising: